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1. At the V.M.Molotov Ironworks, National Corporation, at Trinec, the Cieslarova Platforma organization¹ has been fully reinstated as of 24 March 1953, and the direction of the concern has been intrusted to Oldrich Wrobel, who had been arrested in connection with the Slansky affair and only recently released. Josef Cieslar has been designated chairman of the works council (zavodni rada) and given full authority to recruit manpower for the concern.
2. These arrangements have been introduced by agreement with the Central Committee of the Czech Communist Party. The decision to reinstate Cieslarova Platforma was taken in agreement with the Polish Government, which is now granting permissions for the mass employment of Polish workers at the Trinec plant. In return, Czechoslovak technicians will be allowed to work on the extension of the Polish coal and iron mining operations at Katowice.
3. These changes indicate that the Soviet Government is now backing complete economic collaboration between Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is likely that Czechoslovak Deputy Premier Jaromir Dolansky will now revive other plans of Ludvik Frejka, who was responsible for Cieslarova Platforma in the first place and who was executed as a defendant in the Slansky trial. Dolansky is being supported by Vaclav Nosek, Czechoslovak Minister of the Interior.
4. The negotiations for the employment of Polish Labor and Czechoslovak technicians were completed on 24 March 1953. On 8 April 1953 a more general agreement for economic collaboration was signed in Warsaw.
5. The Soviet authorities (sic) have fixed 23 December 1953 as the date for the Molotov Ironworks combine to reach full production on the level designated by Frejka in 1948 as part of the Five Year Plan. With a view to achieving this the Czechoslovak Government has agreed to put production at Trinec under the control of a Soviet expert, Malyshev (fnu), now head of an industrial mission.

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9. Production at the Molotov Ironworks is now 41 percent (sic). It is doubted by Czechoslovak economists whether the planned goal of 108 percent by 23 December 1953 can be reached, in spite of the reinstatement of Cieslarova Platforma.

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